Bar Hill News

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Disco and live band in the evening

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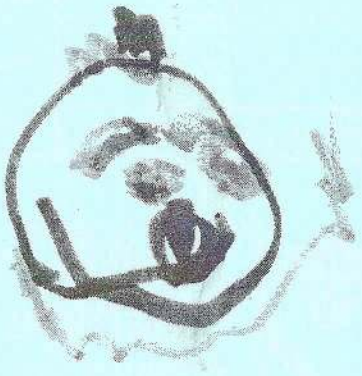

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The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor

Could you please pass on our thanks to all the residents of Chestnut Rise, Hillcrest, The Brambles, Thruffle Way and The Fairway who took time to search their properties for our cat, Katy, who went missing at the end of February. The good news is she has been found in a garage, alive and well, although a bit dustier!!

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I serve on the Forum for Papworth Hospital, being a coronary care patient myself. Forum members not only monitor the performance and the standards within the NHS organisations but also seek views from users on a variety of subjects.

Papworth is unusual inasmuch as it does not serve a defined geographical area, unlike General Hospitals. Patients arrive from all over the country and often from overseas. This makes it difficult to obtain feedback especially since, after treatment or surgery, follow-up care is usually provided by the patient's local hospital.

Papworth is now facing the greatest choice in its history. A decision must be taken soon as to whether it remains at its present location (Papworth Everard) and is redeveloped, or moves to a new site, which would be adjacent to Addenbrookes in Cambridge.

There is no simple answer. Cost wise, there is little difference between the two options. Should it remain and become even more of a specialist centre or would it be preferable to move to a place where common services could be shared? What do you think?

Papworth Hospital PPI Forum would like to hear your views on the subject so that a best-informed decision can be taken. Whether you are a patient or a concerned member of the public, your opinion is valued.

If you feel that you have a little spare time and would like to make an ongoing contribution, why not apply to join the Forum? Currently there are one or two vacancies, and the work can be very rewarding. Simply contact the Forum Support Organisation on 01223 713011 or email them at office@ppiforums.org.uk and they will be happy to explain what is involved.

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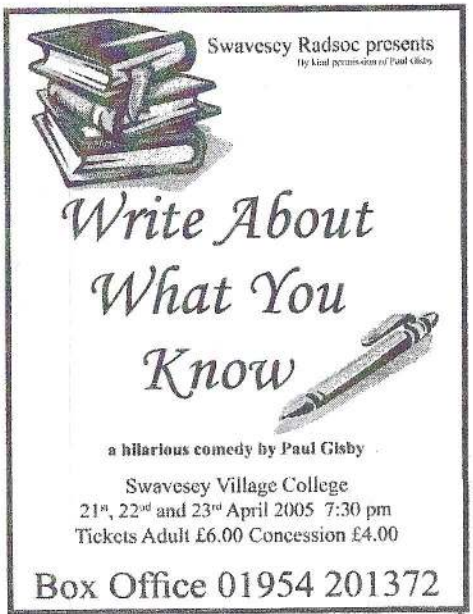

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

A14 CONSULTATION ANNOUNCEMENT WELCOMED

The much awaited news that the delayed consultation on the A14 improvements will start from March 30 will be a welcome relief to anyone who travels on this congestion hit road.

Solving the A14 issue is the most important challenge facing Cambridgeshire. The A14 is already over capacity and suffering severe congestion for much of the day. The Government has identified this as a national top priority which is why I was worried about the delays to the consultation.

Improving the A14 is a key element to the future prosperity of Cambridgeshire. Anyone who drives this road regularly, as I do, knows just how desperate it is that work starts sooner rather than later. Not only does the A14 serve Cambridgeshire but is an important strategic artery for the UK. Communities up and down the A14 have been suffering for years from this heavily congested road and this news should hopefully mean there is now light at the end of the tunnel. We welcome the announcement and urge residents to take full opportunity to have their say when the consultation starts on March 30.

GO AHEAD FOR A428 IMPROVEMENTS

Government has bowed to local pressure and done a u-turn to fund the A428 road improvements which it had shelved last year. I spoke with Ministers in January and explained our concerns, they agreed it was important that the A428 was dualled before any work started on the A14.It is very welcome news that the work will start in the Autumn and I would like to thank everyone who backed the campaign.

The £51 million scheme to upgrade 2 kilometres of road to dual carriageway had already been through a public inquiry and contractors were ready to move on site.

The single carriageway A428 already currently carries 20,000 vehicles per day despite it have a capacity of 15,000 vehicles. This means that not only is the road significantly congested, especially at peak times but it also has an accident record above the average for this type of road. By 2020 traffic flows along the A428 are expected to increase to 35,000 vehicles a day.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

How please I am that at long last we are to have an increase in Policing in the village with the appointment of a Community Support Officer. I am sure that her presence will have an impact in both reducing antisocial behaviour which is of great concern to all residents and bringing criminals to justice.

COUNCIL TAX DECISION

Last month saw the big debate of the year at Shire Hall; the budget debate which led to the final decision on how much your council tax will be next year and what it will be spent on.

One things differentiated it from the norm that I have come to expect, the government had given us a better settlement than usual. That was because there is a General Election coming up. Despite the good government settlement, some service cuts were necessary. That will always be the case unless you, the public, want to face eternal council tax hikes of around 25%. The end result is a 4% increase in the county council element of next April's council tax bills.

WEIGHING AND FATTENING

Quite separately from any savings we have to find to balance the books, we are required by government to make efficiency savings. Savings of 2% of the revenue budget have been required for some years now. Authorities cannot get away with straightforward service cuts under this heading. To count as an efficiency saving, a measure must provide the same service for less money, or more service for the same money. It seems to match what I was taught at school: that efficiency is the ratio of output to input.

The sort of things we have achieved have included renegotiating contracts at a better price. That saw savings of £750,000 on highways maintenance contracts in 2001/02; £220,000 on waste contracts this year; and £117,000 on refrigerator disposal costs last year. We have also cut the staff at Shire Hall and saved nearly £400,000 in Social Services through replacing residential care for the elderly with care in their own homes. The total we are aiming for in the coming year is over £6M from that £260M which does not go to schools.

The government has just upped the ante on efficiency targets. The saving required has been changed to 2.5%; and it must be achieved on the capital programme as well as the revenue budget.

HM Treasury claims to be able to allow for inflation in the calculations. They require us to use only the "Treasury Deflator"at 2.5% per year. As most of you know, the actual inflation in local authority work is much greater than that. In road maintenance, for instance, prices are going up at present by about 7% a year, mainly driven by the impact of rising oil prices upon the cost of tarmac.

So, if we were to keep next year's prices for road maintenance down to this year's levels, how much could we claim? Logic and reason suggests 7%; the Treasury insists that, in those circumstances, we would only have saved 2.5%. Things are even worse on school bus contracts, where the prices are going up by more than 10% a year.

However, my major concern is over the amount of measuring and reporting involved in this new process. We must now divide the efficiency savings into "cashable" (those that save money) and "non-cashable" (those that do not.) And there must be a "quality audit" to check that the quality has not gone down. The savings and the audit must be reported to HM Government at regular intervals as well as being checked by government inspectors.

I can see a whole new industry growing up in this area. And I keep reminding the Office of Deputy Prime Minister about an old Cambridgeshire saying: "You don't fatten a pig by weighing it." It would be very nice if we could spend more time delivering services than inspecting our corporate navel. But, at present, we cannot.

I am available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.e-mail

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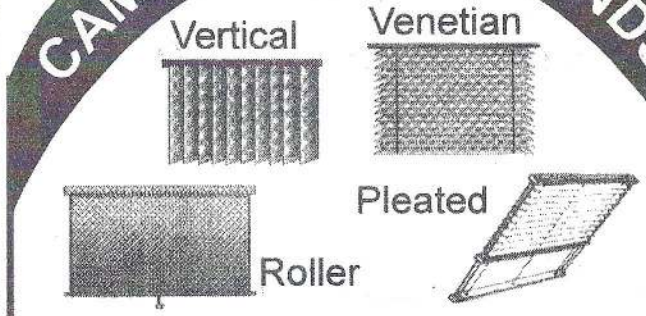

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District Councillors' Report

'Capping'

As expected, the South Cambridgeshire District Council element in the Council Tax has been 'capped' by the Government. The Government has demanded that £3.5 million (about 24%) must be deducted from the Council's budget for 2005-06, which is equivalent to making 115 employees redundant. As the table below illustrates, South Cambridgeshire receives less than half that of neighbouring councils in Revenue Support Grant (apart from Huntingdonshire which has also been 'capped'), this having been reduced by a third, in real terms, over the last ten years. Residents will notice that Cambridge City receives £67-17 compared with South Cambridgeshire's £18-03, a difference of £5 million. The Council now has three weeks to respond, and the Government will then either set a maximum budget for 2005-06, or 'nominate' it to restrict future increases. No formal order, to this effect, will be made until just before Parliament rises for its summer recess in July.

Residents will be aware from these figures that there are 282 people in South Cambridgeshire to each Council employee (with only 112 in Cambridge City). As a result, many departments are working beyond full capacity. The Government's decision means that this number could be cut even further, which is quite intolerable considering that the same government department is expecting that the District's population will rise by 33% by 2016 and there has been no financial support to deal with the number of illegal traveller encampments which have increased six-fold in recent years. Strong representations will be made to the Government to rectify this very unfair situation, the audit commission having recently commended the Council for 'giving good services to local people over a number of years'.

24-hour Alcohol sales

According to press reports, Tesco's and Sainsbury's are both intending to apply for licences to sell alcohol on a twenty-four hour a day basis. We, as local councillors, will be entitled to make representations on behalf of constituents, and will be interested to hear views before any application is considered.

The Cambridge Wind Farm

Responses from consultees including the Highways Agency have now been received by the District Council, and the application to build a wind farm comprising sixteen turbines between the villages of Boxworth and Conington will be considered by the Development and Conservation Committee on 6th April. We shall be holding a Councillors' Surgery in Boxworth Village Hall on the previous Saturday between 10-00 am and midday, and look forward to hearing the views of those residents who have not submitted them already.

Travellers

Residents will be aware that Travellers have bought and occupied several sites around Cambridge without applying for planning permission. The costs of taking legal action against them have been a major factor in the increase in Council Tax; these costs, Councillors have been recently warned, could exceed £1 million. The situation is complicated because 'Irish' travellers as well as genuine Romanies are classified as an ethnic minority while 'English' travellers are not (which is why some travellers, who have been born and bred in England, classify themselves as 'Irish').

Bar Hill, a 'Rural Centre'

Bar Hill has been officially designated as a 'Rural Centre', satisfying three of the four criteria (frequent bus services into Cambridge, contain a number of retail and other facilities and local employment opportunities). This will facilitate further investment into local public services, which is especially important in view of the development of Northstowe two miles away.

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Cllr. Bunty Waters, 77 Foxhollow, 201421 bunty.waters@ntlworld.com

Councillors' Surgeries

Elected councillors, John Reynolds and Shona Johnstone (County) and Roger Hall and Bunty Waters (District) will be holding Councillors' Surgeries, normally on the second Saturday of each month, between 11 am and midday in the Parish Offices in Bar Hill and at the Village Halls in Dry Drayton and Boxworth. Residents from all the villages will be welcome to consult their councillors at any of these.

April 2nd	Boxworth
May 14th	**Bar Hill**
June 11th	Dry Drayton

Authority	Revenue Support Grant 2005/06 per head of population £.p (1)	Revenue Support Grant 2005/06 per average Band 'D' Property £.p (2)	Revenue Support Grant 2005/06 per domestic household £.p (3)	Number of Full Time Staff (4)	Population (5)	Band 'D' Council Tax 2005/06 £.p
CAMBRIDGE CITY	67.17	206.52	169.91	1023	114,797	136.92
EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	38.93	114.41	94.45	131	77,963	115.47
FENLAND	53.92	163.95	118.33	464	85,568	203.13
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	30.89	87.01	73.00	650	159,082	106.54
SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE	**18.03**	**43.97**	**42.76**	**516 Authorised 473 in post as at 22/3/05**	**133,573**	**140.00**

(1) Revenue Support Grant 2005/06 per head of population as notified in the 2005/06 grant settlement data (source ODPM website).
(2) Revenue Support Grant 2005/06 per Band 'D' Property as notified in the 2005/06 grant settlement data (source ODPM website).
(3) Revenue Support Grant 2005/06 per domestic poperty as contained in the Valuation report at 11th October 2004 (source ODPM website).
(4) Total No of Full Time Staff Employed including Wardens, DLO Staff etc. (source Municipal Year Book 2004,Fenland - Human Resources Department,South Cambridgeshire - Establishment List).
(5) Population as contained in the 2005/06 grant settlement data (source ODPM website).

Bar Hill Parish Council
Parish Council Offices
(Near the Health Centre and Octagon)
780456
E-mail: barhillpc-1@freenet.co.uk

Gladeside Parking

I would like to ask residents (and visitors) who live in Gladeside to please refrain from parking on the grass verges. The weather has been very wet and these areas are now looking very muddy. Our Grass Cutter will need access from April to cut this grass and cars parked on these verges will stop him from doing his work. I thank you all in advance. We have also asked County Council for a sign to be placed at the start of Gladeside to deter large vehicles parking and using the area as a turning point.

Possible development close to Bar Hill

Atkins (the company wishing to extend Bar Hill with 300 more homes) will be attending our Annual Parish Meeting, This will be held on Thursday 28th April 2005 in the Main Hall of the Village Hall. The starting time will be 7.30pm and we have asked them to prepare a 15-20 minute presentation, this presentation will be in the small hall and once they have left the premises we will begin the meeting. If any residents have questions they would like to put to Atkins, please come along.

Litter Picking

The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to all those residents who voluntarily litter pick when walking in the village. There is quite a few of you out there who cares about the village and we appreciate your continued efforts in trying to keep the village tidy.

Skate Park

Unfortunately some weeks ago some youths thought it fun to set a mattress on fire at the Skate Park, which in turn set fire to one of the shelters. This mindless behaviour is very sad, as it stops the majority of the youth enjoying the facilities that have been provided. The shelter seats will be replaced in time but until then I ask the young people to be vigilant and please report anything you may see that could jeopardize the future of the Skate Park.

On a lighter note, we have finally got the go ahead for the concrete surface to be resurfaced with tarmac. The Company, Granville-Steel, will be starting this work after Easter, as they need several days of good weather for the tarmac to set properly.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Give the CCC no. written on the post	
South Cambridgeshire District Council:	01223 443000
Dog Fouling:	01223 443012
Cambridgeshire County Council (damaged roads and paths):	01223 717111

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 21st April 2005 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend this meeting. Also the APM will be on Thursday 28th April 2005 starting at 7.30pm in the main hall of the Village Hall.

Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk
Tel: 01954 780456
Email: barhillpc-1@freenet.co.uk

Village Hall Refurbishment

The long wait for building work to start on the new village hall is almost at an end.

Five bids were received from companies wishing to carry out the work and two of these have now been selected to provide more detailed proposals. These should be back by April and a decision will then be made as to which company to proceed with.

Although no start date can yet be fixed, we are moving much closer to that point.

When work is ready to begin, the social club will move into temporary buildings which will be put up in the car park. You may have noticed the club's storage container has already been delivered in readiness for the move.

This column will now become a regular feature to keep villagers up to date with the project and hopefully answer a few questions as the work proceeds, so look out for more news next month.

Paul Stimpson
Village Hall Management Committee

News from the local police

Burglaries from Sheds and Garages

DURING RECENT WEEKS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN SHED AND GARAGE BURGLARIES

Have you ever stopped and thought of the value of the property that you store in out buildings?

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- Do not leave tools lying around as these could be used to force entry
- Consider the purchase of high pitch shed alarms

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- TIME
- DATE
- PLACE
- PERSONS
- VEHICLES

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Description of Vehicles

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WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION NUMBER, COLOUR, and MAKE.
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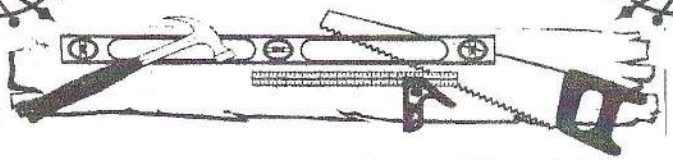

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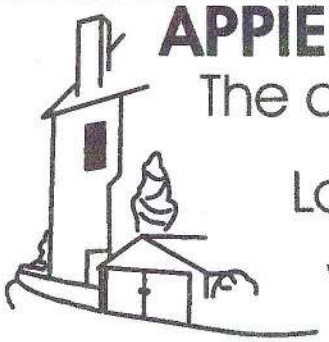

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As members of the P.L.A. (Pre-School Learning Alliance) we work to the guidelines required by OFSTED and all planning ensures the curriculum for the foundation stage is provided for, for each child according to age and ability.

Session times:

am.	9.00 - 11.30
pm.	12.30 - 3.00
Lunch club	11.30 - 12.30

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Children aged 2-3rd birthday may be left unaccompanied £3.50 per session.

To book sessions or for further information please contact the Play leaders, Jayne & Tina on 789099 or come and see us during one of our sessions.

Diary Dates

29th April Disco at Sunshine
6.15–7.15pm for Pre-school, Reception, Years 1 & 2, £1.50 including drink & biscuit.
7.30-9.00pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, £2.00 hot dogs & drinks on sale.
Tickets from Sunshine or pay on the door.

Things We Have Done & Will Be Doing

During this term the children will be discussing and learning all about food and will also be cooking. They will also be talking about different materials and modelling.

Under Ones

Under Ones meet in the Church Octagon on Tuesday mornings 10-12 during school term-times. All are welcome with babies under a year old: Mums, dads, grandparents, carers, childminders. Expectant mums are welcome too.

We charge 50p donation for tea, coffee and biscuits. We have baby-changing facilities, books to read and toys to play with. A relaxed atmosphere to chat and get to know others in the village, while the babies play.

Alwyn Keeves 781050

Minus 1 To 5

The Minus 1-5 group is a free session for parents/carers to come and play with their under 5s. It is held during term time on Mondays from 1.45 till 3pm.

For more information contact Julie Hannaford on 01954 714990

Bar Hill Welcomes Sri Lanka 'Action Team'

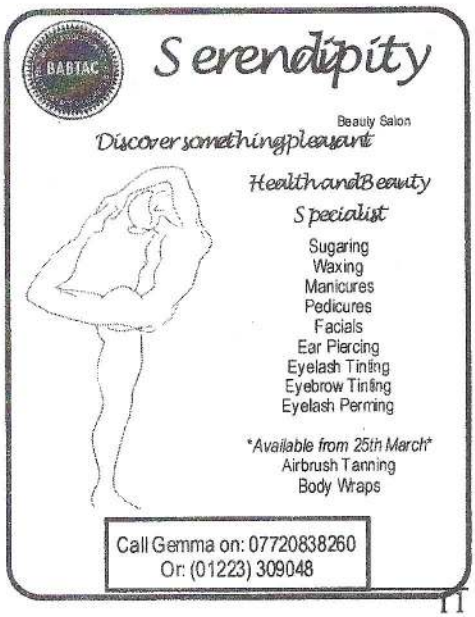
25th April-2nd May

Bar Hill Church will have the privilege of meeting the team – Sarah Lewney (from Bar Hill), Naomi, Hannah and Emma whilst they are based at Bar Hill for one week.

It will be a unique opportunity to hear from them directly and pray for them as they reflect on their overseas experience, remembering also the Boxing Day tsunami. They will visit several church groups and Bar Hill Primary School and will be with us at Bar hill Church on Sunday 1st May when there will be a Bring & Share Lunch – to which ***all*** are invited.

The previous evening, Saturday 30th April, they also plan to come to the Family Quiz Evening 6.30-9.30pm in the Octagon when the team members will talk about their experiences. There will be questions suitable for ***all*** ages, and the emphasis will be very much on FUN. Tickets cost £5.00 per person or £10.00 for a family and tickets are available from Emily Lewney or Wendy Dixon.

Sheila Bull 781004
Programme Co-ordinator



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Think of the fun you had when you were at Brownies or Guides – please give something back to the girls of today. It is only with extra help that we will be able to continue to provide exciting activities and opportunities for them. You will be amazed at what you can get out of helping with a unit – new friendships, personal guiding opportunities, and the chance to learn new skills. Don't automatically think that it's not for you. Even if you cannot commit yourself to each week, we would still like to hear from you.

Over the past few weeks the Rainbows have been decorating tiles for Mothering Sunday, Brownies have been stargazing and making needle cases and bird feeders as well as doing teamworking activities and going swimming. We are also preparing for our District outing to Shepreth Wildlife Park on Sunday 22 May.

Tents:
We have recently lost our storage space for the guide tents – do you have or know of a place to store the tents and equipment? If we do not find a place, we may have to consider selling them.

Strawberry Teas - Plans are well underway for our Strawberry Teas on Saturday 16 July from 2.30pm – 4.30pm at Bar Hill Church Octagon. Please come and support us.

Preparations are well underway for next term – do you have any ideas?

Come on – Join the Fun!
Claire Cook, District Commissioner
203721

Ladies International Group

We are a small group who welcome newcomers of all nationalities: British & overseas. Our specialities are informal outings, usually with children in tow, and hopefully, helping people feel at home. Special past events have included strawberry picking, a French meal and Chinese vegetarian meal. Just drop in to our shared meals, once a month.

Please ring Jo or Swee Kim to find out about our next event.

Jo Hall 780304
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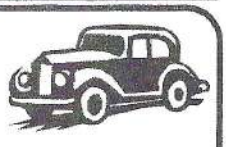

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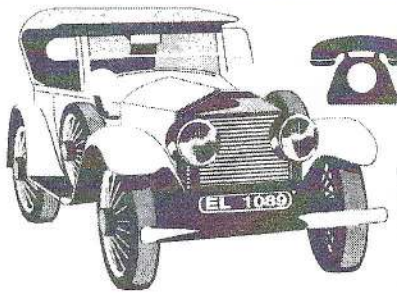

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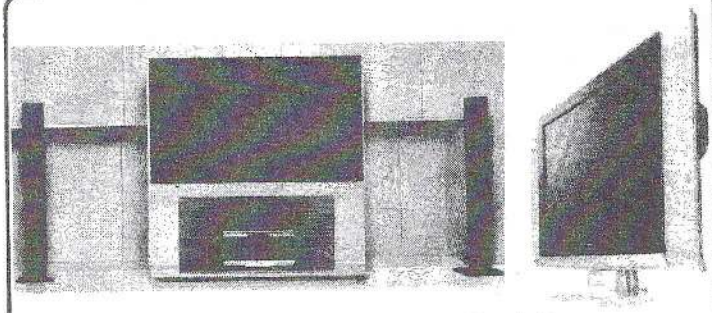

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For an application form please contact Claire Thorby on 781527 by Monday 18th April or download an application form from the Church website at www.barhillchurch.info

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Judith	full / part time	201919
Melanie	part time	204496
Mandy	Full/part-time	204223
Tracey	Full/part-time	781140

We would like to say thankyou for the people who supported us on our cake sale at Coffee&kids .The money we raised was nearly £70.00 which we are donating to children's Milton Hospice ,once again thankyou for supporting this well deserved charity.

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New Play Tots Sessions
Playtots will now be held on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons between 1.30 & 3.00pm. Sessions are run by Sonya and Clare. We offer lots of fun and activities for tots from babies up to pre-school.
Sessions are held on a pay & pay basis, you come, you pay and you play!! Drinks and fruit are provided.

New Committee
We recently held our AGM and I would like to welcome the new committee for coming forward and joining us. We look forward to having a fun and successful year ahead.

Session Times
For more information about our sessions please phone 206179 and ask for Sonya or to book sessions phone Julie on 780445. You are also welcome to pop in and see us.

Rising 5's Session
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Subsidised Places
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Places
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Easter Playdays
We will be holding Playdays on:

Monday 4th April 10.00 – 12.00
Friday 8th April 10.00 – 12.00
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Happy Hours The recycled youth club

Over the years that I have been writing this column, it is very rare that I have had to express any grumbles from the many senior citizens who attend our meetings. However, I must say that most of our members are now having a big grumble about the number of Tesco trolleys that are now littering our village, and causing damage to parked cars. Most of our members agree wholeheartedly with the letters in last months Bar Hill News respecting this problem, and would agree that a £1 coin system should be introduced as soon as possible. As a result, our members have asked that a petition be sent to the Tesco management, asking them to reconsider their attitude to this problem, and take notice of the views of the majority of their customers and the people of Bar Hill.

Circle Dance. Pat Welch will be starting her Circle Dance classes again on Wednesday 16th March, and the following Wednesdays, 10.00am to 12 noon in the Church. Our members, who enjoy dancing, and find the exercise good for the figure, will be taking part.

Outings. The first outing this year is being held on Wednesday 23rd. March, to an Outlet centre and Garden centre at Spalding.

Holidays. Our second holiday this year is a six day visit to Sandown, Isle of Wight, when we will be staying at the Royal Pier Hotel from 17th to 22nd of April. At present there are two seats still available.

Raffle. Our next raffle will be held on Monday 4th. April, when the proceeds will be donated towards our village Doctor, Dr. Ranasinghe's forthcoming trip to Sri Lanka, when she will be working with an orphanage for disabled children. This is of course connected with the Tsunami Disaster.

Police Visit. On Monday 14th. March we received a visit from our local Policeman, Kevin Misik, when he called at Happy Hours, to introduce Llian Cole, our new Police Community Support Officer. Although Community Support Officers do not have the same powers as Policemen, they are a valuable asset in addressing some of the Anti-social Behaviour that causes problems in our community. We welcome Llian Cole to Bar Hill.

Sickness. How pleased we are to see Fred Styles back amongst us, albeit still on crutches, only five weeks after having a new knee fitted. Well done Fred. We send our best wishes to Olwen Goodwin, who now out of hospital, is still not very well.

Dennis Holt, 780948.

Bar Hill Church Knit and Natter

We are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Octagon. We do what our name suggests, we knit and natter over tea, coffee and cakes. You are welcome to come along even if you don't knit! We also arrange regular outings to various places, have lunches, and hold regular coffee mornings every month. We are also looking for donations of double knitting wool so that we can continue making blankets which we give to various organisations that need them and bric-a-brac for our stalls. If you would like more information about us then please either call in on Thursdays or contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

Please note that there will be no coffee morning in April, but we will be holding our Easter Lunch on April 9th

For more information about anything mentioned please contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

An Evening Of Circle Dancing With Pat Welch

In Aid Of Dr Ranasinghe's Orphan Appeal

An evening of traditional circle dances from such diverse countries as Israel, Scotland, America and Eastern Europe will be held in the church hall Friday, 22nd April starting at 7.00pm.

The costs of tickets are £6, which includes a ploughman's supper. **Tickets are available from Emily Lewney (204433) or Sue Kenchington (780260).** All proceeds from the tickets will go towards Dr Ransinghe's upcoming trip to work with an orphanage in Sri Lanka which caters for disabled children.

This is an all age event appropriate from Year 6 upwards. Why not get together a few friends for what should be a thoroughly enjoyable social evening.

BAR HILL FETE

Would anybody or groups who would be interested in having a stall at the fete 25 June please get in touch with Lisa Francis on 01954 201160

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Thursday 14th April: The Cinema - What's Your Favourite Film? - Discuss; at EDNA'S - (Please note change of venue)

Thursday 28th April: Planning meeting at Edna's

Thursday 12th May: Blues and Twos: at Di's.

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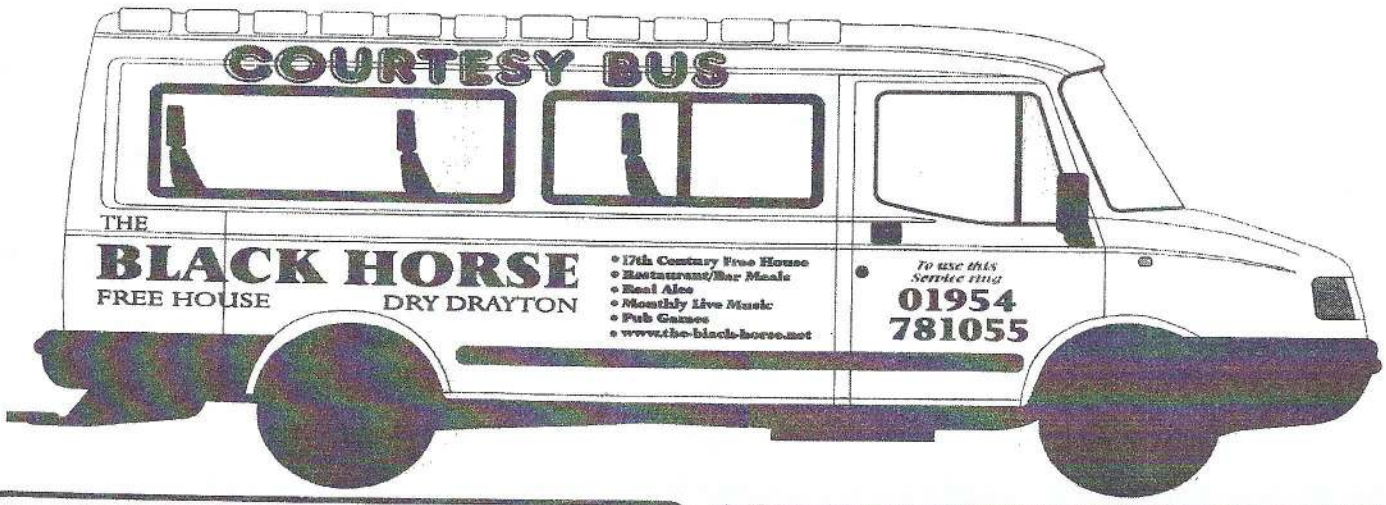

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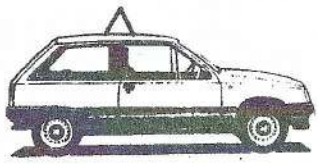

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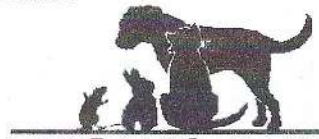

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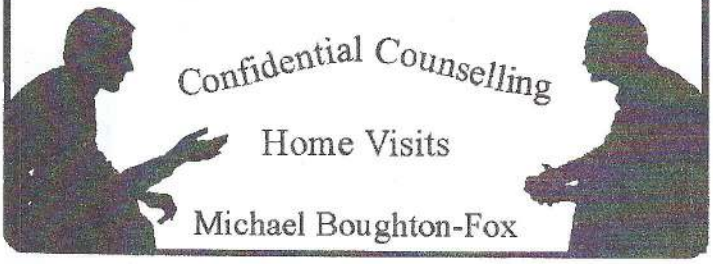

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Each session is run by a Session leader and provides a range of activities, which includes crafts; puzzles; imaginary play and a selection of outdoor toys (weather permitting). We provide refreshments and an opportunity to meet new people. We ask a small fee of £1.80 per child per session and £1.00 per sibling (this helps us cover the cost of the hall/ refreshments/toys).

Younger Toddlers

If you little cherub is still young and feel that things could be a little much for them, please do come down to our Friday session, this is generally a little less busy and therefore more suitable for the younger ones who are still crawling or just starting to toddle.

If you would like any further information please call in to one of sessions, Emma runs Wednesdays and Jo runs Fridays, they will be happy to speak to you, or call Lucy Tel: 01954 781341.

Bar Hill Tennis Club

The new tennis season has almost arrived!

The Club has vacancies for both adult and junior members. We hope to offer coaching from our club coach again this year (details to follow) and we would particularly welcome new adult members.

Club timetable:

Monday	6pm-9pm	Men's League (to 20 June)
Tuesday	7pm-9pm	Adult Club Night (3 May to 27 September)
Wednesday	6pm-8pm	Junior Coaching (4 May to 13 July)
Thursday	7pm-9pm	Adult Night (5 May to 29 September)
Sunday	7pm-9pm	Private Club (1st Sunday each month)

Please note that Club membership rates are:

JUNIORS	£25 (£15 without coaching)
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Introduce a new adult member to the Club & receive a £10 refund or £20 for a new family membership (maximum refund £20 or £40 for family membership)

Members have the free use of courts outside Club nights or for a £10 fee we can issue Adult members with their own key. Non members use of courts £2 per person per session. Private flood light sessions £2 per person per hour.

We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league.

We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters. We start our first adult club night on Tuesday 3 May but if the weather is good you may see us a few weeks earlier! We have plenty of court hours available for members outside the normal Club nights. Do come along and have a game with us!

Paid up adult members will also be able to enter our draw on 24 May for Wimbledon tickets which we offer at cost! Contact John on 780461. During Wimbledon fortnight over the weekends and on the day of the village fete we will be opening the courts up for free use to all – watch out for more details!!

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two and a half. Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns "weeks, which are very popular.

From September 2004, we re-openned mini acorns, for children from age 2- 2 1/2. This is a small session with no more than 8 children, two afternoons per week, to provide a calm , secure environment which helps children to get ready for big pre-school .Please telephone if you would like more information.

We have recently received an excellent OFSTED report (the full version is available on request (or can be accessed via the OFSTED web site.) We were awarded "an aspect of outstanding practice in special needs" and overall the judgment, which we received, was very good.

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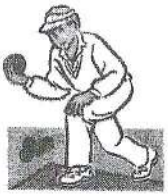

Longstanton Bowls

Longstanton Bowls Club is looking for new members - why not come along and join us? The bowls green is on the Recreation Ground, next to the tennis courts, Over Road, Longstanton. The game of bowls provides opportunities to make new friends, take gentle exercise and enjoy a little socialising.

The new season begins on Saturday 23rd April 2005 and beginners as well as experienced bowlers are welcome to come along at anytime. Should you wish to join, the annual subscription is £30 (£25 for senior citizens and £10 for under 16's).

If you decide bowls is for you, then you would need to purchase a pair of proper bowls shoes and a set of bowls (bowls can often be purchased second hand as experienced bowlers often change their bowls for heavier or lighter ones).

All members of the Club play in at least one league, which gives on average one match per week during the season, which runs through the summer to the first week in September. The match fees are £2.00, and there are always refreshments at the end of the game. Away matches give members an opportunity to experience other Club's greens in the Cambridge area. Members, new to the game, may wish to take part in our beginners' league.

Monday evenings are Club roll-up nights for informal practise, although this is done in a mildly competitive manner by running a bowls drive. If you're tempted by the sport, please come along on any Monday evening to meet a few members and possibly try your hand. If you just want to watch and see what happens then that's fine too!

Hope to see you at the beginning of the season!

Please contact David Slights, on 01954 203231, for further informatio

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Information on what's happening in the Cambridgeshire Countryside and the chance to help create better access to the great outdoors is available now at the touch of a button.

Cambridgeshire County Council's website - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk includes details of a recently published Countryside Events Leaflet - a useful guide to what's on offer in the county, with monthly listings of activities taking place throughout the year, including walking, wildlife, archaeology, children's activities and arts and crafts. There is always a wide range of things to do, whatever the season - you can blow the cobwebs out of autumn and winter, and make the most of the spring and summer.

Events for the leaflet are submitted by local groups, such as the Wildlife Trust, RSPB, Ramblers' Association, village and community groups and individuals organising events in the countryside.

The leaflet can be downloaded from the website or copies are available from Libraries, Tourist Information Centres, selected shops, museums, Park and Ride sites, medical centres or surgeries in Cambridgeshire. Or by contacting the County Council's Countryside Team on (01223) 717445.

The website also offers the public an opportunity to help create better access to the Cambridgeshire countryside.

The County Council is consulting on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan, under the Countryside Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000. The website includes details of a draft improvement plan and the County Council's Countryside Access Team is seeking people's views on how to improve the management of access to the countryside via the rights of way network. The consultation runs until Monday, May 9, and people can make their views known on-line using the form provided.

County Council Deputy Leader, Councillor John Reynolds, said: " The countryside is starting to come to life and now is the time for people to think about getting out and about to blow away the winter cobwebs - what better way to find out what is happening than by using the Internet to gain information at the touch of a button."

The website also includes an interactive map that shows the public paths and County Farms permissive routes in Cambridgeshire, allowing people to create their own routes and days out.

John Reynolds

Rosie in Stitches

Thank you to all the neighbours that have left knitting and wool on our doorsteps, it is most appreciated and we need even more. Jo Hall at 11 Almond Grove and Avril Williams at 111 Hillcrest will always accept whatever you donate. We are in particular need of ribbon, stuffing and white wool and crochet yarn.

Our elderly knitters have difficulty getting themselves and their knitting to our volunteers lunch: would any drivers like to chauffeur our ladies and have an enjoyable day and lunch for the privelege?

If you have an appointment at the Rosie Hospital please come and have a refreshing cup of tea or coffee while you are waiting. A drink with biscuits is under £1. If you are able to help serve tea and coffee from the Tea Bar please let us know.

We have a limited selection of our hand knitted toys and clothes (up to age 4) at the tea bar in the Rosie Outpatients, the Breast Screening Clinic and Clinic 5 every day of the week.

We have a "Rosie in Stitches" stall in Addenbrooke's Food Court from 10am to 2pm most Tuesdays and in Addenbrooke's Outpatients foyer on 20th April and 20th May.

If you are looking for a gift for a new baby for a friend or a relative then visit one of the above stalls or our new website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk for a new hand-knitted garment or toy at very reasonable prices.

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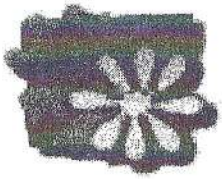

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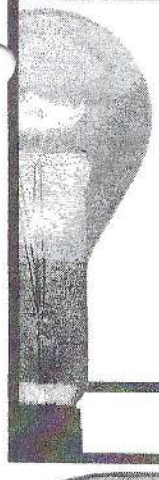

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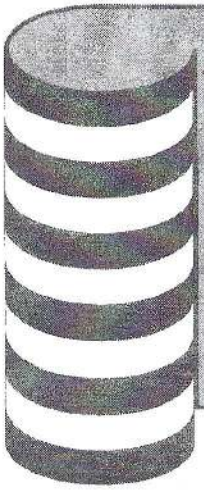

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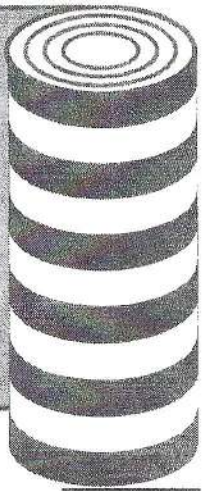

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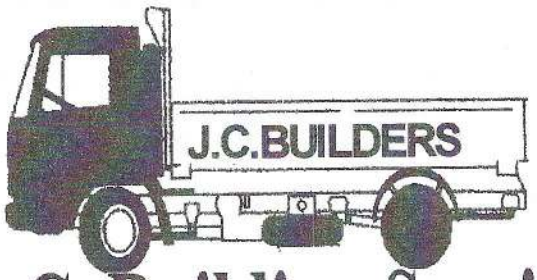

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Bar Hill Colts FC

Feature on the BAR HILL RAIDERS

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Our aim from the start has been to give a game to every player who was available in every match and the team have responded to produce some outstanding displays. We have only been beaten once in the league and that was to the run-away leaders, a good sign for the future is our defensive record, which is easily the best in our league. Another highlight for us has been the invitation for one of our players to train with Rushden and Diamonds.

The Raiders would like to thank our sponsors, Angoods and Trax Cargo Ltd and all the parents for their help and support of the team.

Darryn Cook, Manager

Bar Hill Colts FC - Team Managers		
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We would like to include some club history so if anyone has old Colts team pictures, good memories, or historical club facts or if you are old team managers or players please get in contact.

Sarah Phillips 07917 208169.

Another date for your diaries - Nearly New Sale for Bar Hill Bulldogs 23rd April 2005 – at the school

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Bar Hill FC

CUP FINAL - again

Following in the clubs great cup tradition, the Reserve team have made it through to the Final of the Millennium Cup. The final is on 24th April at the Soham Town ground (k.o 2.30pm). We'd love to see as many people there supporting us. The team made it through to the final by winning their semi 2 - 1, in a very competitive and entertaining game. The management duo of John and Richard are thrilled and are hoping, that, with players trying to get into the cup final squad the league form should continue to be impressive and maintain their push for a second successive promotion.

The first team meanwhile have shown some inconsistent form of late, but with 5 games left, still find themselves in a position where they could still be champions.

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Cricket Club

The 2005 season is almost upon us and we are working hard on and off the pitch to make it a successful one.

The adult team will once again be competing in Division 2NB of the CCA Junior League, although due to a league reorganisation we will be playing several new opponents. We find ourselves up against Abbots Ripton, Ely & Haddenham II, Longstowe, Needingworth, St Ives II and Witcham, as well as more familiar foes in Cottenham II and Sutton II. We are also due to play Chatteris in the first round of the Junior Cup.

It all kicks off on Saturday April 30 with a pre-season warm-up game against Girton on the village green, while we host Little Shelford the following day. Our first league game is away to Witcham on Saturday May 7. A full list of fixtures can be found on our website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk

We are also running under-15 and under-12 teams. The older age group start with a game against Hardwick in the first week of May and will also play league matches against Over, Camden, Ely & Haddenham and Longstanton.

The under-12s, meanwhile, start their campaign against Camden and will also face NCI, Granta B and Histon.

To get everyone into form for the start of the season, we are continuing to have net sessions on Sunday mornings from 9.30am to 11am at the Perse School in Hills Road. Please note, this is a change of venue from Comberton VC, where we previously were. The sessions cost £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for juniors and continue until Sunday April 24.

From April 12, we will also be holding practice and coaching sessions for youngsters on the artificial pitch on the village green from 6pm to 8pm. All existing and prospective members are welcome. Even if you have never played cricket before, come along and have a go and join one of our junior teams. BHCC has adopted the England and Wales Cricket Board's Safe Hands policy on child protection, and all our coaches have been through the relevant vetting procedures.

May we remind members who have not yet done so to please return their membership forms. This is necessary to benefit from our insurance cover.

Many thanks to all those who supported our recent fundraising quiz night. However, we are always on the lookout for new sponsorship deals. If anyone in the village would like to help, please contact the secretary, Paul Stimpson, on the number below. That is also the number for general inquiries about the club – or you can visit the website at the address above.

With a 20/20 tournament and a tour coming up, this promises to be an exciting year for Bar Hill CC. All spectators and new players are welcome to come along for the ride!

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Football Project

As the summer months approach the pitch will be available to hire in the evenings as well as at other times. It is possible for any club, organisation or group of friends to book the pitch and it is great as a birthday party venue! If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis on 201160.

Straight after school on Tuesdays the pitch is open by Karen Curry for a free kick around for children in years 3 to 6 (two 20 minute sessions). The pitch is opened on Thursdays by Michelle Davis for children in reception to year 2.

We would like to open the pitch on a Friday or Saturday night for casual youth football. To deliver this we need volunteers to go on a rota. Please contact Paul on 781527 if you can help.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson:	Jack Fleming
Vice-Chair:	Alan Hewings
Secretary:	Paul Thorby
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin

Paul Thorby, Tel: 781527

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club is a very informal group for women of all ages who live in Bar Hill. We meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8pm. We have a varied programme consisting of speakers, demonstrations and outings.

7 April - No meeting - school closed
5 May - "Weekenders" clothes party

If you would like to join please come along to one of the meetings or telephone Barbara Page on 204171

Local help and support for people with sight problems

Did you know that there is help for anyone with sight problems?
A group is held at the Church, Bar Hill, 2pm until 4pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month.
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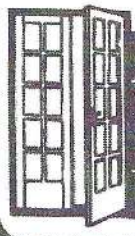

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Church Services

Sun 3rd	10.00am	Morning Worship & Family Communion	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
	6.30pm	Time of Discerning Prayer	Leader: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Sun 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)	Leader: Rev Gary Renison
Sun 17th	10.00am	Worship Service & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	Informal Worship led by the Youth	
Sun 24th	10.00am	Family Service	Preacher: Mrs Claire Thorby
	6.30pm	Quiet Communion by Extension	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Wed 27th	10.00am	Mid-week Communion	

New neighbours in your street?

"FOR SALE" and "ON THE MOVE" property signs are very much in evidence in the village.
When a new family moves into your street our WELCOME TEAM would like to welcome them. Linda and Brian Howard will be happy to deliver the "Welcome Booklet" when contacted on 781945.

People to contact:

The Minister:	Rev Gary Renison (**781629**)
Church Administrator:	Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel & Fax **206120**)
Church Secretary:	Ms Alison Burling (**789282**)

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne
and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On This Month (See p29 for Church Services)

Date	Time	Event	Location
Apr			
Wed 6th	10.00am	Parent and Toddler Group Easter Play Day	Octagon
Fri 8th	10.00am	Pre-school Playgroup Easter Play Day	Village Hall
Sat 9th	Daytime	Easter Lunch (Knit & Natter)	Octagon Tel 780260
Mon 11th	10.00am	Pre-school Playgroup Easter Play Day	Village Hall
Tue 12th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	New Parish Council Office
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Thu 14th	8.00pm	NWR "The Cinema"	Tel 201269
Thu 21st	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Thu 21st	7.30pm	Write about what you know	Swavesey Village College
Fri 22nd	7.30pm	Write about what you know	Swavesey Village College
Fri 22nd	7.00pm	Fund-raising Circle Dance for Dr Ranasinghe	Church
Sat 23rd	2.30pm	Pick n mix it	Church
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	Write about what you know	Swavesey Village College
Sat 23rd	Evening	Bingo night	S.P.A.R.C
Sat 23rd	2.00pm	Nearly New Sale	School
Thu 28th	8.00pm	NWR Planning meeting	Tel 201269
Thu 28th	Evening	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 29th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 29th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
May			
Thu 5th	8.00pm	8 o'Clock Club "Weekenders"	School
Thu 12th	8.00pm	NWR 'Blues and twos'	Tel 201269
Sat 14th	11am-noon	District & County Council Advice Surgery	New Parish Council Office
Sat 21st	8.00pm	Conservatives' Supper	Tel 205265

April Picture

Sitting in a celandine
Along the lane as I passed by,
And opening out its lovely wings
I see a butterfly.

Like it was smiling at the sun
That flower held high its little face;
I had to stop and look again
Before I passed that place.

They made a picture, that they did,
And no-one else came near or by
To see thee on that April day
That lovely flower, that butterfly.

Nick Richardson

May all your weeds be wild flowers.

Residents' Association

Meetings

Residents' Association's meetings are normally held at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the new Parish Council building next to the Octagon. The next meetings will be on March 8th and April 12th. Interested residents are always welcome at these meetings.

Village Sign

By the time you have read this, or soon after, the work to refurbish the village sign will have started. Delays have been caused because it has proven difficult to find the right contractor at the right price as we are all aware these things do take time, but the contract has been agreed and the work should be completed in the very near future.

Martin Avery

Crossword

Just for fun. Answers next issue.

Across

1. Of smell
6. Unusual size
7. Lent lily perhaps
10. Your nearest city

Down

1. Best veg
2. Fruit that we don't care about
3. Not so daft
4. Sash or sorcery
5. South Carilina Indian
8. Wheel edge
9. Miserable seasonal disorder

Bin Collection Dates

April

6 Green bin and box
13 Black bin
20 Green bin and box
27 Black bin

May

5 (Thursday) Green bin and box
11 Black bin

The Birds Book Group

Have you thought ever thought of joining a book group? The Birds book group needs new members. We are currently, but not exclusively, an all female group. We choose a book each month then meet to discuss it informally over a glass or two of wine. Please call Bridget Wilson on 200494 if your are interested.